

The Playground Post

for Full Day, Half Day, & Ultimate Drop-In Playgrounds

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SUMMER 2006



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome children who are new to Andover's DCS Drop-In Program, and to welcome back all those who were with us last year! We are looking forward to a fun, safe, and rewarding experience this summer.

Playgrounds open for the summer on Monday, June 26th and close for the season on Friday, August 11th. We will be closed Tuesday, July 4th.

When, where and how do we register?

Mail, fax, or stop by the DCS office to register. Registrations will also be accepted at each location beginning opening day. Complete the registration form on page 4.

Choosing the Right Drop-In

Andover has a variety of choices for the summer of 2006 Drop-In Programs. Please select a Drop-In that best suits your child's individual needs. Please register your child at **one** Drop-In location. Children **may not** attend multiple Drop-In Programs.

Full Day Drop-In Playgrounds

The 2006 summer season will have Full Day Drop-In Playgrounds at Rec Park and West El. The *Rec Park Drop-In* will be located at Recreation Park off Abbot Street. This 200 acre multipurpose park contains an inline skating rink, softball field, tennis courts, club house, picnic areas, and rest rooms. *West El Drop-In*, located at West Elementary School, on Beacon Street has ample space for outdoor program activities on fields and playground equipment, use of a gymnasium, a classroom for crafts, and rest rooms. Scheduled swimming time and swim lessons at Pumps Pond will be offered to both Rec Park and West El Drop-In Playgrounds. The cost of swim lessons is \$45. More information will be available after June 1st.

- Time: 8:30 am-3 pm
- Grades: entering grades 1-6
- Fee: \$225 per child*

Half Day Drop-In Playground

The children of Andover have enjoyed the Drop-In Playgrounds for over 50 years. The Half Day Drop-In Playground will be located at Bancroft School.

- Time: 8:30 am-1 pm
- Grades: entering grades 1-6
- Fee: \$150 per child*

*Maximum cost per family for any combination of Drop-In Playgrounds is \$450.

Ultimate Drop-In Playground

This very popular middle school program is located at Andover High School, on Shawshen Road. Participants will have access to ball fields, tennis courts, track, skate board park, cafeteria, and rest rooms.

- Time: 8:30 am-2:30 pm
- Grades: entering grades 6-8
- Fee: \$200 per child*

Children's/Parent's Responsibility

Children will be required to check in and out on their playgrounds. Parents who allow their children to come and go at will must sign a release form at the beginning of the summer. Parents should discuss what their boundaries are with their children and let the playground counselors know. Any child leaving a playground without staff permission will not be allowed to return for five days.

For safety's sake

Parents, please make sure an **UPDATED Emergency Information Sheet** is on file with your child's playground supervisor. If one is on file with DCS, yet the information has changed, please complete a new form or update the old one. Thank you!

Are guests welcome?

If your child would like to invite a guest to the Half Day Drop-In Playground or Ultimate Drop-In there is a \$15 per day fee. The fee for the Full Day Drop-In guest is \$20 per day. There is a maximum of 4 visits per month per guest for all playgrounds. Guests may participate in all activities **excluding field trips**.



Activity calendar

Be sure to pick up a copy of the weekly activity calendar available Fridays at the playgrounds. This calendar has information that will help you plan your week.



Snacks & Lunch

Each child must provide their own lunch. Refrigeration is available. For your convenience, we will provide your child with the opportunity to purchase snacks and ice cream. You may choose to make a deposit each week allowing your child to make purchases without having to carry cash with them each day.



Cookouts

Cookouts are scheduled every Friday throughout the summer. Please send appropriate food in labeled containers.



Field Trips are held once a week!

Children must be registered in a Drop-In Program to attend trips. Field trip forms are available on our web site and at your Drop-In location. Completed forms along with payment must be returned to the program supervisor by the Thursday before the trip. After the deadline, parents must register at the DCS office on a space-available basis. All field trips will leave from and return to Rec Park.

For those who choose not to attend a field trip, all Drop-In locations will remain open during normal operating hours.

2006 Field Trips

FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For all Drop-In Playgrounds:

Wed, June 28th

Salem Ice Center

Salem, NH, \$20

Wed, July 5th

In town event, price TBA

Wed, July 12th

Water Country

Portsmouth, NH, \$37

Wed, July 19th

Wingaersheek Beach

Gloucester, MA, \$20

Wed, July 26th

In town event, price TBA

Wed, August 2nd

Cranes Beach

Ipswich, MA, \$20

Wed, Aug 9th

Canobie Lake Park

Salem, NH, \$38



Online Information

- The "Playground Post"
 - Playground Registration Forms
 - Field Trip Registration Forms
 - Emergency Information Sheet
- www.andoverma.gov/dcs

4th of July Celebration

Monday, July 3rd:

Fireworks at dusk,
Andover High School

Family 4th of July Fun!

Tuesday, July 4th:

In the Park
Bartlet & Chestnut Streets

Pancake Breakfast: 8-11 am

Horribles Parade line up: 9 am.

Drop-In will be marching in the parade! Meet your counselors in front of the Town Offices.

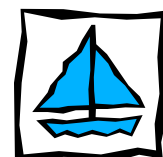
Horribles Parade: 9:30 am

Games, Moonwalk, and
Dunk Tank: 10:30 am-noon

FYI: Poms Pond will be open from noon-7 pm

End of Season Finale!

Children will be bused from their neighborhood playgrounds to Poms Pond, Friday, August 11th, at 9 am. Children will be bused back to their playgrounds for pick-up. This event is free to all registered playground participants.





NEW!

Full Day Drop-In

Time: 8:30-3:00

2 more hours of Drop-In Fun!
children entering grades 1-6



Held at Rec Park or West El
Monday-Friday
June 26th-August 11th
(Closed Tuesday, July 4th)

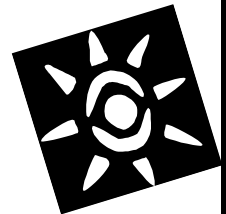


ULTIMATE DROP-IN

ENTERING GRADES 6-8

HELD AT Andover High School

- Who:** Kids entering grades 6-8
What: Place to spend time with other teens
When: Mon-Fri, June 26-Aug 11, 8:30 am-2:30 pm (closed July 4th)
Why: Fun commitment to youth activities



This program offers a variety of sports, games, and special activities designed specifically for middle school students. While enjoying the summer, participants will have an opportunity to fulfill their community service's commitment which they must complete before they graduate from middle school. Once a week students will participate in a Counselor In Training Program working directly with elementary students and the Senior Citizens.

Full Day/Half Day/Ultimate Drop-In Playgrounds 2006 Registration Form

child's name	age	date of birth	grade completed	playground location attending
second child's name	age	date of birth	grade completed	playground location attending
third child's name	age	date of birth	grade completed	playground location attending
fourth child's name	age	date of birth	grade completed	playground location attending

*An **Emergency Information Sheet(s)** must be on file with DCS for your child(ren) to participate in this program - one for **EACH** child is needed. If an EIS is on file with DCS, yet the information is outdated, please complete a new form or update the old one.*
Are they on file? ☐ yes ☐ attached.

home address	()	home telephone	Full payment is expected at time of registration and will not be refunded or prorated. Please check:	
			Half Day Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150/child
			Full Day Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225/child
			Ultimate Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200/child
			Family Rate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450/family
			Non-Resident Seasonal Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15/child
parent's/guardian's name	()	day telephone	Total \$ _____	

☐ **Seasonal Non-Resident Fee \$15/child**
 (please check here and add to your total)



Circle Payment Method: Visa MasterCard Check Cash

credit card number	expiration date
card holder's name/signature	

At the beginning of the summer, each location will meet as a group to discuss rules and expectations for the program. However, the following rules are non-negotiable for all DCS programs:

- All Andover Public School rules apply to DCS programs.
- Swearing, insulting, stealing or fighting of any kind will not be tolerated.
- All children must show respect for the other children, their counselors, parents, and other people at the program and on field trips.
- Bikes and rollerblades must stay outside of the school buildings. Children may use them on the playground provided they wear helmets.

DCS asks that you discuss these rules with your child. Be aware that if your child does not follow these rules, he/she may not be allowed back to the program for a period of time to be determined by the counselors. If the problems are persistent and are disruptive to the program, you may be asked to withdraw your child from the program without a refund.

Children will be required to check in and out of their locations. Parents who allow their children to come and go at will must sign a release form at the beginning of the summer. Parents should discuss what their boundaries are with their children and let the playground counselors know. Any child leaving a program without staff permission will not be allowed back for the next 5 days. DCS takes no responsibility for children leaving the program area without staff permission.

parent's/guardian's signature

date